

## JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS

WHEREAS, By Executive Order 01.01.1974.23, the Governor of the State of Maryland created the Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission and the Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commissions for the purpose of recommending to the Governor the names of persons for appointment to the appellate courts and trial courts of Maryland, and provide for the composition and general functions and procedures of the Commissions; and

WHEREAS, The system created by this Executive Order has worked well and has materially assisted in assuring the appointment of qualified persons in the Judiciary of Maryland, I believe certain refinements to the Order will improve further the reforms established by the previous Executive Orders and, therefore, better assist in achieving the goals stated in the Executive Orders of December 18, 1974 [and October 4, 1977;], OCTOBER 4, 1977, AND JUNE 8, 1979;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, AND BY THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01.01.1974.23 [AND 01.01.1977.08:], 01.01.1977.08, AND 01.01.1979.08:

1. Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission

(a) Creation and Composition

The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission is created as part of the Executive Department. It consists of 13 persons [and a non-voting Secretary] chosen as follows:

(1) One person, who shall be the Chairman, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chairman may but need not be a lawyer, and shall be selected from the State at large. He may not hold an office of profit or trust under the Constitution or laws of this State or an office in a political party or be a full-time employee of the State.

(2) One person shall be appointed by the Governor from each of the six Appellate Judicial Circuits, and